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SUBJECT: (C) UK BELIEVES EASIER TO PASS SUDAN RESOLUTION IN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL THAN IN UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE

Classified By: PolCouns Richard Mills, reasons 1.4 (b & d).

(C) The UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) Deputy Head of Human Rights, Democracy and Governance Group Charles Lonsdale, on the margins of a separate meeting, told us November 6 that while the UK was anxious to see a country-specific human rights resolution passed on the Sudan, FCO assessed its chances of success as higher at the Human Rights Council (HRC), rather than in the UNGA Third Committee. The dynamics of the African states, according to Lonsdale, would be easier to handle in HRC because African nations tended to coalesce around each other in UNGA. Lonsdale also said that the UK was encouraged with the progress HMG saw in developing a resolution during the last HRC session and hoped to be ready to table a resolution during the next HRC session.

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